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FAX RECEIVEDApplication of: Walter GOERENZ *et al.*

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For: LAMINATED GLAZING UNIT AND A
 PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING
 THEREOF WITH A CORROSION-
 PROTECTED TRANSPARENT
 SURFACE COATING

Attorney Docket No.: 3633-503

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GROUP 1700**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Species B in which the protective layer is a bakable ceramic paint for prosecution in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to protect the inventions of the other species. Applicants believe that claims 1-3 and 5-20 are readable on the elected species.

The Office Action described the elected species as "Species B (appears to be claim 5), drawn to the transparent coating being a bakable ceramic paint." Applicants traverse to the extent that Applicants believe the elected species to be directed to a *protective layer*, such as recited in claim 5.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,


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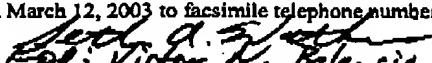
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